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Dear Sir:

- 1) This is **NOT** a Response to the Office Action of August 2, 2002. A Response will be filed in due course.
- 2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Fourth Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the reference listed thereon.
- 3) In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(1), this Statement is being filed before the issuance of a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance, and includes the required certification. Thus, no fee is due.
- 4) The undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than

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- 5) Reference AK is in English. Reference AK corresponds to reference AC in our Information Disclosure Statement of March 5, 2002. Therefore no further discussion of the reference is required.
- 6) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Fourth Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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